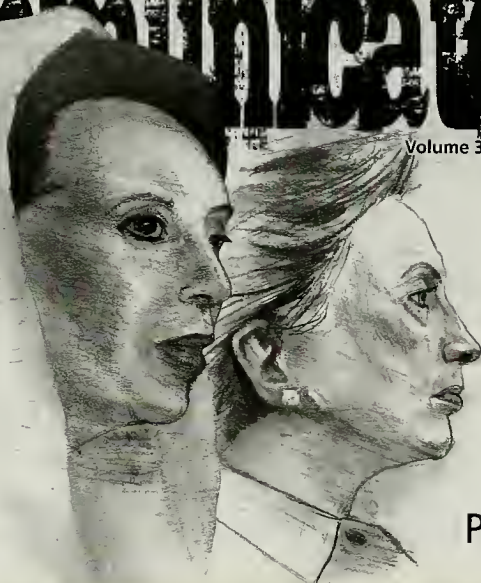


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Validity of New IPSGA Constitution Questioned

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Dec. 27, 2007 marked the first judicial court meeting regarding a student and current member of the Student Activities Board (SAB), Patrick Deady, interested in "office jumping," which according to IPSGA Chief Justice Colette Ryan, "is when someone decides not to be in their position anymore and decides to go to another position because of various reasons or advantages the position may offer."

Deady planned to office jump by recognizing the old constitution. The more recent document,

ratified on Dec. 12, 2007, is now the constitution, which does not allow it.

The first point that contradicted Deady's series of arguments is under Article IV, IPSGA Elections, Section I: Election Board, which states that Deady would not be able to seek another position while holding another position.

Under Article II: Student Activities Board, Section I: Membership of the Student Activities Board, "No petitioned Student Activities Board member may also be a member of any other IPSGA branch."

Unfortunately, Deady saw it otherwise.

"I started the process before the new constitution and figured that I

would be grandfathered in by the old one," Deady claimed in defense.

Scrambling to comprehend the new document, more specifically Article XIV, "No portion of this Constitution or its Bylaws shall be retroactively enforced," the

to quit his position and seek another.

Since Deady applied for a position in another branch before the ratification of the new Constitution, he is hoping that he would be able to at least resign his current position with SAB with

and verify the relevance of the new constitution.

Dani Witzigreuter, the IPSGA coordinator and faculty advisor also assisted in deciphering the Constitution in attempts to smooth deliberation.

The end result of that meeting was a voting to accept the new document as precedence to the old one, not yet accrediting Deady's plea to be eligible.

Once established, Deady made it clear through a note passing procedure that he would quit the Student Activities Board on the spot to alleviate a dilemma and bring up Article XIV, which was his last stand for potential eligibility.

Laughing at his spon-

aneous request, Chief Justice, Colette Ryan apologized for not being able to at the time discern his plea.

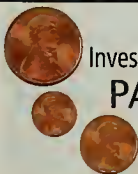
The judicial meeting was adjourned with little progress on the matter, which was deliberated and concluded on a later date. Deady, at that point was in limbo and still assigned an interview date with a chance he might resign and still not get hired.

The findings for Deady's case came in on Jan. 8, 2008 and concluded that "office jumping" would not be allowed on the basis of aforementioned articles of the Constitution.

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judicial court spent the majority of the hearing questioning the credibility and wording of their already ratified constitution and then whether to consider the old one which would allow Deady

time to apply for the election board. Student Body President and Vice President, Aaron Williamson and Ryan Brown, respectively, attended the judicial process in hopes to further clarify confusion



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eLearning technology replaces WebCT

Blackboard enhances IPFW networking and student/teacher interaction

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Besides having a different name, it is also an upgraded version of the former WebCT and has new features that can be helpful to both students and faculty. Not all IPFW professors are active users of Blackboard, though.

professors, but they can also correspond with their peers. And individual can collaborate or get help with assignments by talking to their fellow classmates via Blackboard chat rooms, or by using their Blackboard email accounts.

Blackboard also enables students to turn in their assignments online, access their grades and view any comments or suggestions made by their instructors, view a calendar that provides due dates for assignments and tests, add personal entries to the calendar, and take online quizzes and exams.

Birk recommends that IPFW students go to the documentation section on learning.ipfw.edu. Free hands-on training is also available for all IPFW instructors, course designers and students through the Student Technology Education Programs, or STEPS. By doing this, students can learn about the program and how to make it run on their computers as efficiently as possible.

With technology constantly evolving, students and their instructors may find that they have a difficult time investigating and maintaining interest in the classroom.

However, an updated version of an online learning program at IPFW can bring class information online and better enable more communication and interaction between students, their professors, and also their fellow classmates.

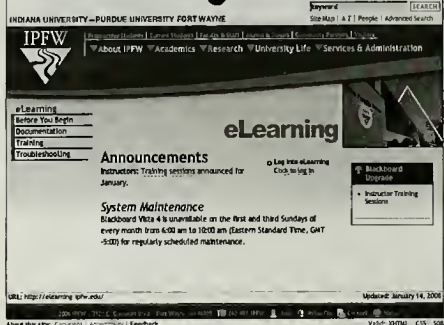
When visiting the <http://my.ipfw.edu> webpage, a student can click on a link on the top right corner of the page that is called "eLearning". The program itself is actually called Blackboard, with eLearning being the generic term. Blackboard is an online learning management system that creates online classrooms.

Blackboard is essentially the same system as WebCT, as it is the same company but with a different brand.

"It's definitely an upgrade, but there is not a huge change," Birk said. "It [Blackboard] is more engaging for students and faculty."

Faculty members have the option of posting blogs via Blackboard. These blogs can provide information from class or direct students to other URLs that contain more extensive information on a certain topic. Students can also add content onto Blackboard. They can provide input and like their professors, add URLs to help make class more engaging.

Students not only have the opportunity to experience better communication with their



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While WebCT allowed minimal options, Blackboard features such enhancements as color adjustments and due dates for assignments and tests.

Campus Calendar



Jan. 17-23, 2008

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| <p>17 ACCS Express Lane Résumé Critiques: KT 109, noon-2 p.m. Call 16595.</p> <p>University Religious Forum: "The Continuing Crisis in Darfur," WU 222-226, noon-1:15 p.m. Light lunch served. Call 16992.</p> <p>18 Athletics Events: Women's Tennis v. Cleveland State, 9 a.m.; Men's Tennis v. Cleveland State, 10 a.m. Pine Ridge Racquet Club. Men's Volleyball v. Brigham Young, GC, 7 p.m. Call 16643.</p> <p>Weekend College: Classes begin at 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>19 Indiana Regional Future City Competition: "City Infrastructure: Monitoring through Nanotechnology," WU Ballroom; public viewing of models 9-11 a.m., finals and awards 1-3 p.m. Free admission. For information, call 15756.</p> <p>Athletics Events: Women's Basketball v. Oakland, 1 p.m.; Men's Basketball v. Oakland, 4 p.m. Memorial Coliseum. Call 16643</p> | <p>20 Black History Month Event: "A Dream Celebration," featuring IU African-American Choral Ensemble; Rhinehart Recital Hall, 5 p.m. Call 16608.</p> <p>21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</p> <p>22 National Student Exchange Info Session: KT 101, noon. Call 16595.</p> <p>Athletics Event: Women's Basketball v. Texas-Pan American, GC, 7 p.m. Call 16643.</p> <p>12th Annual Statehouse Day: Indianapolis, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For information, call Alumni Relations at 16807.</p> <p>ACCS Express Lane Résumé Critiques: KT 109, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 16595.</p> <p>Degree Possible Workshop: Student Success Kickoff, WU Ballroom, noon-1:15 p.m. RSVP to 16921 or ellerts@ipfw.edu.</p> <p>Honors Student Group: Organizational meeting, WU G25, noon-1 p.m. Call 16924.</p> |
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The myIPFW Portal with explosive new features in 2008

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Exciting plans are in motion to revitalize the myIPFW portal. Last year, Purdue licensed Sungard Higher Ed's Luminis technology (see sungardhe.com for complete details). This expansive infrastructure is now being provided to IPFW. Using this technology, the myIPFW portal will see drastically improved usability, several new key features, and dynamic content delivery, all via a single user authentication.

Manager of Application Development at IPFW,

Michael Kanning explained that the project is still in heavy development, involving user feedback from selected students, faculty and staff. This project will expand upon existing features to minimize the learning curve for all. As the project is still ongoing, the bulk of details are too soon for print.

After further prodding, Michael Kanning leaked one of the major features called "Group Studio." This will be of incredible interest to all official organizations on campus. It will provide an easy means for students and staff to manage dedicated web sites, which include collaboration tools such as

chat, message boards, calendars, and file/photo sharing areas.

What would normally require intense development for a single well funded IPFW organization is provided to all groups with ease through the power of Luminis. Additionally, students, faculty and staff can manage affiliations with any number of these organizations all in one place—truly dynamic content distribution.

Mr. Kanning explained that the complete picture would likely be available sometime in late February. Readers can expect further coverage as development continues.

Student Investing

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Generation Next: A painless introduction to investing for the teens, twenties and beyond

By **JESSIE RUCKMAN**
Editor-in-Chief

College is expensive, life is expensive, and student loan debt is increasing. According to a recent USA Today article, undergraduate students borrowed, on average, \$19,300 from all sources, up from \$12,100 a decade earlier. The volume of federal government loans rose 137 percent in 1992 to \$20.7 billion in 2002.

As a student, investment is necessary. For your future, graduate school, marriage and/or 2.5 kids and a minivan. Whatever the flavor of your expectations, the odds are good that you'll need a nest egg for upcoming adventures.

But the thought of investing, or giving up money that you could

use immediately for, say, a case of beer or a tank of gas, in favor of the intangible is intimidating.

These are the facts, however: the current generation of college students is not investing efficiently, if at all; and truth be told, investing is not as impossible as it seems - even when you're scraping underneath your sofa seats for Taco Bell money.

The mere thought of investing may strike fear into the heart of people on small, or even large budgets, but it doesn't need to be that way. So stop, breathe and relax. Experts say that by starting off with small steps to investing for the future, the path will become much smoother as time passes.

So do you buy that \$5 latte with extra foam or put it into a higher-yielding savings account? Well, the choice is yours but by tucking back even spare change and employing compound interest to work on your side, the end result is the beginning of a major nest egg.

Why should a college student even worry about building a financial cushion anyway?

That is a question that will be explored weekly throughout this semester, and if you have an investment question that you would like to have answered, please e-mail Jessie Ruckman at Ruckj01@ipfw.edu. But remember, investing is NOT a four-letter word and need not strike fear into the heart of Generation Next.

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Democracy spreads as women push change

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It is a nation engrossed in political turmoil, fighting a war against terrorism and determined to protect the ideals of democracy within its borders. Although these conditions seem familiar to United States citizens, the people of Pakistan know them all too well.

In late December, the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, former leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), thrust the country into further chaos.

Being elected prime minister before in 1988, not only was Bhutto the first female leader of an Islamic nation, she also symbolized democracy and had the full support of Washington in her at-

tempt to win the upcoming national election. It seemed that her presidency would have encouraged stability in the nuclear-armed country, strengthened democracy and weakened terrorism while encouraging closer ties to the U.S.

Ayaz Malik, Pakistani native and prominent member of Fort Wayne's Islamic population, said that the direction Pakistan should begin embarking upon is extremely ambiguous and perhaps a democracy would not even benefit them in the short run.

"Pakistan's are mostly familiar with military rule," Malik said. "Everything that I've witnessed from afar is pure corruption no matter what the outcome was."

While Pakistan finds

itself at a political crossroads looking for a better answer, halfway around the world the U.S. finds itself searching for change as well. The Democratic Party rests its theme upon being an advocate of change. One glimpse at Barack Obama's website Barack

"In Pakistan and the U.S., the need for action has arisen and in both cases women have answered the call."

Obama.com reveals his push for change, advertising his "Stand for Change Tour" and his "Change We Can Believe In" policies. It seems that Hillary Clinton has also tried to appear as an instrument of change in the past few weeks.

Relatively recent events have saturated America in political dis-

order giving U.S. citizens a peek at the daily concerns of Pakistanis. For example, 9/11 has given Americans a taste of terrorist attacks, and as a result are unsure of how to proceed. Americans have also been reminded what a longstanding war feels like with the current War in Iraq.

Citizens of America are also familiar with the lack of confidence in a leader, as reflected by Bush's low approval rating which Fox News recently reported was only at 36 percent.

In Pakistan and the U.S., the need for action has arisen and in both cases women have answered the call. Bhutto

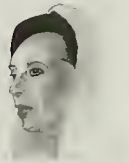
promised change and the institution of democratic principles. For the first time in the nation's history, America has found itself with the potential of having a female president with the candidacy of Hillary Clinton. She promises to woo America's concerns with healthcare and the War in Iraq among many other concerns.

After further inspection they have a lot in common though. Pakistan is a Middle Eastern country built upon Islamic principle whereas America is a Western country centered around democratic ideas. They seem very different at a glance.

Both countries are engulfed in political uncertainty and are looking to change for an answer.

Although Bhutto was assassinated, her ideas have made an imprint in Pakistani politics and her legacy will live on.

Whether or not Clinton will become our next president will have to wait until November, but she has certainly brought out ideas that will not go ignored. The direction that the two countries will go into may be unknown but change appears to be on the agenda.



Graduate school: Is the piece of paper worth the money?

By KATY ANDERSON
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A common belief among young adults is that the higher the level of one's education, the better the job and the bigger the paycheck.

Besides the future monetary benefits, a student may have a genuine passion for a particular subject and wish to become more knowledgeable in that field or desires a career that requires such an extensive education. Whatever the

case may be, some students may be considering graduate school after receiving their bachelor's degrees.

Benjamin Franklin once said "an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Andy Downs, IPFW professor of political science, seems to agree with this.

"Education...is always a good investment," said Downs. "It is important that we be open to learning throughout our lives and take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves. Gradu-

ate school is a formal opportunity to learn that is unlike any other learning opportunity."

While expanding one's knowledge can be both intellectually and monetarily rewarding, there are a few caveats to consider before advancing an education.

One factor to consider before attending grad school is the expense. A recent study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics indicated that about 50 percent of recent college graduates have student loans, with a debt of \$10,000.

If attending graduate school, a student can expect to add thousands of dollars more to that debt.

The average tuitions for one year of law school or medical school average more than \$20,000, while non-professional graduate degrees average

slightly under \$20,000 per year according to grad-schooltips.com. A few of the many other expenses that accrue during graduate school also include textbooks, rent, groceries, transportation, and insurance.

While these expenses may sound a bit daunting, a student also has the option of seeking financial aid to help pay for their education. A higher education in many, but not all, cases can entail a better job and a better salary, making payment for college debts less painful.

If the financial burden of graduate school does not completely intimidate a potential student, one should also remember to consider the amount of time and work required to perform well in school.

In order to earn a Ph.D., a student can expect to spend another

four to six years in school, and law school typically takes three to four years to complete. Graduate school tends to also be very competitive among students, making it even more difficult to participate in social and leisurely activities.

Though attending graduate school can bolster a student's resume and career opportunities, one should also remember that such a degree is not always necessary and that a bachelor's degree is not obsolete.

"Graduate school is not for everyone and not every career requires a graduate degree," Downs said.

"Although research shows, in aggregate, that people with graduate degrees make more money than those without them, a graduate degree is not necessary to find a job or to make a comfortable living."

A bachelor's degree is broader than a degree obtained through graduate school, but still dramatically increases career opportunities and salaries available to an individual. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, a professional who has earned a bachelor's degree earns \$900 per week, while a worker with only a high school education earns only \$554 per week, or about sixty-two percent less than a college graduate.

Though graduate school can be very beneficial to one's future, one has to keep in mind the sacrifices required to be successful. Before becoming submerged in more student debt and work, an extensive cost-benefit analysis may be in order. If the positive outcomes outweigh the negative, then perhaps graduate school may suit a student.

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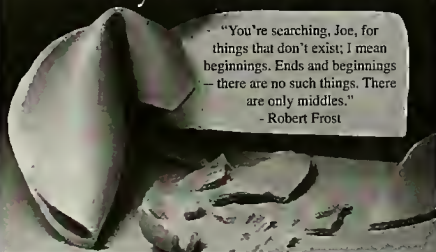




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weekly words of wisdom



Sudoku

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Answers to last week's Sudoku

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Horoscopes



Aries Mar 21-Apr 19
School is starting again for the semester, but why bother anyway?



Libra Sep 23-Oct 22
Good things await you. Don't move or they'll miss you completely. Sit. Wait.



Taurus Apr 20-May 20
The snow is pretty, but here's some advice: if it's yet-low, don't eat it.



Scorpio Oct 23-Nov 21
You will eat a lot of fast food. Stop yourself because you won't be able to fit into your skinny pants.



Gemini May 21-June 20
Karaoke bars are a lot of fun, but have you noticed that when you sing, people leave?



Sagittarius Nov 22-Dec 21
In the new year, people will stab you in the back with your own sign. Beware.



Cancer June 21-July 22
Ever noticed that your dates always want to take you to the movies? There's a reason for the dark location.



Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 19
You could have had a V8. Now you must be slapped on the forehead, just like those stupid commercials.



Leo July 23-Aug 22
School started...so what? You'll sleep until noon anyway, and that's ok.



Aquarius Jan 20-Feb 18
I know what you were thinking. Shh, listen for it. That's right, nothing.



Virgo Aug 23-Sep 22
People always say, "do you know what's fun?" The answer is always no.



Pisces Feb 19-Mar 20
Pop Rocks are delicious, and so is soda. Go ahead, mix 'em.

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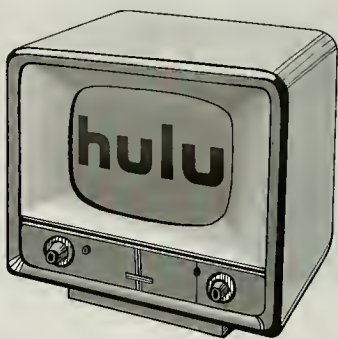
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Move Over, YouTube: Hulu.com is the Web's Next Big Video Site



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Throw away the TV Guide. Everything is on all the time at hulu.com. NBC and Fox have combined forces to build one of the net's largest video portals.

The site features streaming video from both channels and their families of networks: FX, Bravo, the Sundance Channel, Sci Fi and more.

Programming includes episode clips of current hits like "Heroes" and "The Office," recent favorites like "Arrested Development" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and classic shows

like "WKRP in Cincinnati" and "The A-Team."

The site also features movies from Twentieth Century Fox and Universal. Currently, only seven films are available, none new releases. However, new content is still being added, so this could change soon.

New episodes of current shows are added to the site by midnight on the day they air. Episodes are only available for a few weeks so, in that sense, the site functions more like an online DVR than a comprehensive video archive. Fans may still wish to invest in DVDs of their favorite shows.

Compared to television, the ads on http://

hulu.com are remarkably brief and inconspicuous. Programs are shown with commercials, but breaks are only 30 seconds long or less.

The site also overlays small, transparent banners at the bottom of the videos similar to the "screen bugs" frequently seen on TV.

The site has already going through private beta testing. Interested readers can register at http://hulu.com to be emailed an invitation or wait a few weeks for the site to be open to the general public. Video content from http://hulu.com can also be seen at http://television.aol.com, http://www.fancast.com and other sites around the Web.

However, while http://hulu.com is designed primarily to host user-generated content, http://

hulu.com is exclusively for television and films. Users are able to rate videos but not upload any of their own. Programs on http://hulu.com are in higher resolution than videos on http://youtube.com and are much clearer when viewed in full screen mode.

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Witty, Hilarious, & Memorable - Juno rocks!

By **HEATHER OVERMYER**
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Take a deep breath in. Now exhale. Feel better? That, my friends, is exactly what Juno has done for the world of PG-13 rated comedies in today's entertainment industry. Despite the ever inflating ticket prices I had been impatiently waiting for Juno's arrival in our fair city from the very second that I heard the phrase, "He is the cheese to my macaroni."

Prior to Juno's arrival, it was unfathomable to me that a movie involving a young, pregnant teen and her decision to give her unborn baby up for adoption could be so brilliantly hilarious.

Even though the movie is written by a once stripper/phone sex operator—who goes by the name Diablo Cody—it is directed by Jason Reitman, who is also hailed for "Thank You For Smoking" and an always awkward, yet hilarious "The Office."

This, aside from the macaroni quote, led me to believe that Juno was going to be well worth the \$7.25—we don't give student discounts admission. The long, half animated introduction, accompanied by one of the many great songs on it's soundtrack, was merely a slight indication to the comedic genius that was about to grace me with it's presence.

The beginning scenes between Ellen Page (Juno MacGuff) and Rainn Wilson (Rollo) at the local drug store, in which 16-year old Juno discovers she is with child, made me wonder if I had made yet another movie viewing blunder.

However, I had read early reviews of Juno and had heard that the early on teenage terminology, including the Prego-bomb Juno drops on her best friend Leah (Olivia Thirby) whom she dialed on her...wait for it...ham-

burger phone, led me to willingly restrain my early judgment.

The relationship between Juno and the head-over-heels, cross country running, passionately in love Paulie Blecker (Michael Cera) leaves the female audience desperately seeking Paulie. His undeniably honest yearning to be a part of Juno's predicament makes you want to vomit it's so cute.

Juno's dad (J.K. Simmons) and step-mother (Allison Janney) nearly force the audience into longing for such an understanding, sarcastic family. best of all was Juno's attitude

"In my opinion, Juno is 2007's must-see film."

towards her bun in the oven. She makes the selfless decision to adopt her baby out to a family she found in the classifies—Mark and Vanessa Loring.

Jennifer Garner (Vanessa) plays a barren but determined woman to raise a family with her adolescence seeking, rock band wannabe husband Mark (Jason Bateman). Juno's conscious effort of wanting to ensure her unborn child lives in a loving home is a refreshing approach to teenage pregnancy.

Juno is 2007's must see film. Not since *Anchorman* and *Napoleon Dynamite* has there been such a quotable cinematic adventure. The daring to be different dialogue has me waiting in the dugout for more notably well thought out movies by the writer/director duo to come.



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Classy New Nightclub Opens

RPlace, a gay nightclub located just off of Lima and Coliseum, just recently opened its doors. Once known as the Club Lost, renovations were recently completed through the combined efforts of Stan Liddell, owner of Pierre's, and Jimmy Butler, owner of Showgirls 1. RPlace is open on Friday and Saturday nights, and is expected to be introducing more features as the year progresses.

O.M.G.

Top Ten Celebrity Predictions for 2008

By SARAH GEIGER

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I have this list posted on my refrigerator, as each one comes true, they will be marked off the list. I expect you, the reader, to do exactly the same.

10) Lindsay Lohan will end up in rehab AGAIN. I say this because she's back to her old antics. Perezilton.com showed her in Capri recently making out with some random Italian guy, on the same night she reportedly dropped \$700 on alcohol for herself and the La-Lohan posse.

9) New York and Taylor Made will break off their engagement. Seriously, she picked him out of a handful of losers looking for fame, this has tragedy written all over it.

8) Lily Allen and boyfriend Ed Simons will most likely end up engaged before the birth of their child or after the birth. I could be wrong, he is old enough to be her dad, if memory serves me correct he's like 42.

7) Britney Spears will go BATSHIT INSANE!! (I wrote this like a week before current happenings occurred. I was right, but I feel like "batshit insane" doesn't really define the rocker she fell off.)

6) Nicole Ritchie and Joel Madden will not only pop out a bundle of joy, but will probably elope in a lavish fashion, that will be "completely spur of the moment". Spur of the moment totally includes the custom designed Galliano dress.

5) Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt will end their relationship. They will probably do this at least 10 times this year just to keep their faces in the media

4) Angelina will either be pregers or adopt another foreign rugrat by the year's end. She has been wearing clever belly covering pieces. I say she's pregnant.

3) Hayden Panettiere and Milo Ventimiglia will go public with their relationship, this move will ultimately end such a relationship, quite promptly.

2) Jamie-Lynn Spears will reveal that her baby daddy is not Casey Aldridge, but some Nickelodeon CEO she was having a secret affair with.

1) Brit Michaelson will still not find love. He will only find girls with STDs and will most likely acquire them all.

Fall Overboard For Ingrid Michaelson

By ZACH HORNBACK
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Her music has been featured in some of the most emotional scenes of today's hot television series 'Grey's Anatomy'. She can also be heard during the Old Navy and JC Penny commercials and her music peaked at number six on the iTunes Music Store.

Ingrid Michaelson is one of the best new indie pop artists to hit the scene. She gained recognition through most prominent television shows and endorsements from prominent actors like Zach Bruff. Based out of New York, Michaelson never toured very much until last year where she recently finished up a tour that went straight through Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Ingrid Michaelson gave the best performance I've seen to date. I was lucky enough to see her on Dec. 16 at the Blind Pig. It was well worth the drive - her performance was astonishingly entertaining. Michaelson's performance began softly. She

played the keyboard and sang into the mic, entrancing the entire audience of young and old alike. The silence left by her piercing voice was palpable - that is, until she finished. As the last notes from her song were still fading into the air, the audience erupted in a cacophony of cheering.

Michaelson is charming and pleasant, drawing the audience in, telling them the stories behind many of the songs she sang. Michaelson embodied beauty, carrying emotion so well in her songs with pain, angst, and elations of love evident on her face. She brought humor to the stage, keeping the audience laughing and listening intently to her every word, spoken and sung.

Michaelson was down to earth yet angelic all the while, flowing through her set keeping everyone's in-



Photo by ZACH HORNBACK

terest poised upon her throughout the two-hour show. There wasn't one person who left that night who wasn't a little bit in love with Ingrid Michaelson.

Many artists who perform seem to be ethereal, almost inhuman in their celebrity. Michaelson lets her humanity show in a way that was refreshing and endearing. As a singer, songwriter, performer, and a person, she im-

pressed me. She admitted her clumsy nature and shared her wacky thoughts. She was charismatic and brought a new meaning to the word entertainment. She enchanted everyone in attendance and left them begging for more.

Michaelson is already touring again, check out her MySpace or Facebook for more information. This is one show you won't want to miss.



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Hope, Hints & Style



Hide the Holiday Pounds

By HOPE LAUSTER

Creare Tank - This billowy top glides over curves and lengthens your torso, achieving a leaner look. Dear by Amanda Bynes \$10, Steven and Barry's stores.

Silver Necklace - A long slim chain draws the eye up and down, slimming your midsection. Forever 21 \$6, forever21.com

Jeans - A straight, slim leg in a dark wash creates a long, toned look. Dear by Amanda Bynes \$15, Steven and Barry's.com

Plaid Shoes - Give yourself extra height and complete your look. Michael Antonio \$25, select Deb stores

First, it was Thanksgiving with the turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. Then, it was Christmas with the ham, sweet potatoes, frosted cookies, and fudge. Finally, the cork pops on the bottle of champagne New Years Eve and the real party begins. The next morning you groggily stumble to the bathroom, step on the scale, and gasp in horror as you learn that you have gained a whopping 14 pounds in only two short (but very satisfying) months. As you mope your way back into bed, you suddenly realize that the cute top and figure enhancing jeans you had longed to wear to your first day back aren't going to be so cute and figure enhancing anymore. At this point, you vow to only eat raw carrots and plain celery sticks for the next two weeks until you lose those darn holiday pounds.

Dah dah dah dah! Never fear because Hope is here, your holiday pound smashing superhero, and I have created the perfect body slimming outfit for you. So, go ahead and eat that left over pizza in your refrigerator and still look fabulous as you strut your stuff to your new classes.



Diamond in the rough, the college dropout dream: Part Two

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Timbaland, the visionary and creative direction behind music that has given light to out of nowhere bands like "Apologize's" Dn-eRepublic, has teams of engineers to do a lot of the dirty work for his artists. Dirty work includes tracking, mixing, and mastering music before it's duplicated and mass distributed.

For the less experienced, dirty work could be the key to the good life - a good life Timbaland explains on his website bio as "persistent and disciplined."

As a senior in voice performance at IPFW, Meg Lothamer believes "education and a degree is a stable platform - something to back you up. It's not just luck and about who you know. It's about what you know, which I think is more important."

Lothamer looks forward to continuing her education, planning to

get her masters, which will help her perform and teach opera of classical music, "what or which ever pays the rent."

Carl Bleke's home studio was once his dad's old home. Lucky for himself and roommate, Steve Spears, living before the new year without paying rent, they had the time and tools to work on music.

With less than 24 hours to finish their stage of production, it is clear Bleke and Esbghi need an extension. The work got to them late and the importance of getting the work done fast was not emphasized. The excuse didn't matter, for those cats were screwed.

"Alicia Keys doesn't use 'Auto Tune', a tool Melodyne, a sound manipulating software offers - there are a lot of options to make music sound good," justifies Spears, who has been working with the software religiously since producers like T-Pain and Kanye West acknowledged its demand and ingenuity.

Matt Pokora, the French artist, has a style and approach to music production that requires tedious sound modulation - production that Timbaland, who may have dozens of projects at one time, has little guys work on - little guys without degrees.

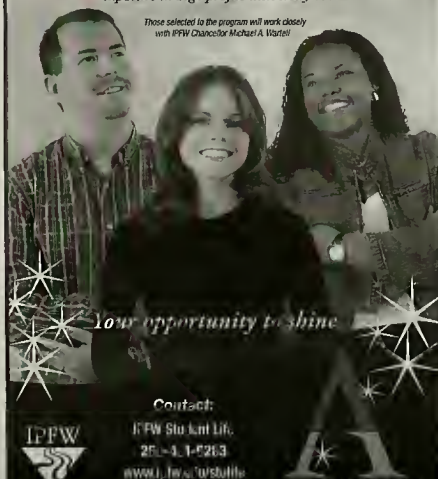
In fact, the majority of 'pop'ular music is technologically enhanced. The demand for perfect sound is high, and artists worldwide are paying high euro to find their niche and exploit it radically. These days unfortunately, most universities don't offer unorthodox experimental methods of making music that most artists with successful careers are looking for.

The little guys like Esbghi and Bleke are a part of a team responsible for giving French people what they want to hear - an audibly aesthetic hit that can land everybody in the process somewhere between great steak and Justin Timberlake.

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IPFW student crusades for end to Darfur crisis



By RACHEL UTESCH
Campus Ministry
Student Leader

It's hard to say when I first heard the word "Darfur." Immediately after I had learned about the situation in Darfur, Sudan, I could not stay quiet. Something needed to be done, and my heart was telling me to GO!

I logged on to www.savedarfur.org, and emailed a contact person to find someone in Fort Wayne I could connect with. I found Beth Reilly, and this started the beginning of a great friendship and a cause that would consume me...

I registered a STANO (www.standnow.org) chapter online, which stands for "Students Taking Action Now: Darfur," however the name has been changed STAND since many humanitarian crises will occur and they want to be a part of them, not just Darfur. STAND's outreach team, comprised of both regional and State Coordinators, is made up of more than 20 dedicated high school and college students around the country.

Coordinators work to unify and empower STAND chapters by providing strategic guidance and resources. The group also has an international division, including chapters in 25 countries such as England, China, Canada, Sierra Leone, Singapore, and Israel.

As a student division of the Genocide Inter-

vention Network (www.genocideintervention.net), their long-term goal is to establish a permanent anti-genocide constituency that holds elected officials accountable for doing all that they can to prevent and end genocide.

The first event at IPFW was in 2006. We invited Brian Steidle, former marine captain who served as U.S. Representative to the African Union Peacekeeping Mission in Darfur from September 2004 - February 2005.

He came to our University as part of his current mission "Tour for Darfur: Eyewitness to Genocide" a 21,000 mile tour in 11 states. His goal was to raise awareness and motivate others to take action.

We decided to make this event part of the Global Christian Fellowship's cause.

With this, we also celebrated Sudan's culture, enjoying some Darfuran women cook authentic food and played a game to understand their culture better. We had a candlelight ceremony/moment of silence for Darfuran people in transition to Brian's speech.

There were letters to write to representatives, an offering, a DPADO (later explained) sign-up, my email sign-up for STAND and Save Darfur bracelets to buy.

The first meeting I had to congregated people who were interested was on April 24, 2006. We heavily brainstormed on ideas for our STAND

chapter. That very week was the "Invisible Children" event, so we didn't really have time to help with that.

Then on April 29 there was a Global Night Commute where everyone was invited to walk in the city that night and then spend the night outside at Taylor University. Fort Wayne I was not able to go to either. However, I did end up watching a video made from the makers of "Invisible Children," about specific children in Uganda.

I had so much emotion brewing inside of me. Throughout the movie, I was so touched by the children, to the babies with snot running down their noses, to those in wheelchairs on the dirt, to tons of teens in a group, to the four Americans who decided to be "displaced," to the actual "Displace Me" footage that happened in target cities across the U.S. this year (<http://www.invisiblechildren.com/displaceMe/>).

These children were trying to be visible, but were invisible. There are so many questions left unanswered in Africa. I care so much—too much it hurts to breathe anymore. It hurts to eat knowing some are eating rats or nothing. It hurts to drink my coffee or sleep in my bed or to take a shower.

Beth attended the Rally for Darfur in Washington on April 30, 2005. I wanted to go so badly, but I could not. She was more passionate when she got back, and had tons of postcards from the rally for people to sign and send to the president.

Beth created the Indiana Coalition to Save Darfur (within Save Darfur's website) September 13, 2006 and I became a member October 23, 2006. Through correspondence with e-mail, we coordinate statewide action and events to strengthen the efforts of community groups in South Bend, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Bloomington. Sadly, Beth moved to Maryland to be closer to her family and her husband's job in September 2007.

On a Campus Ministry retreat the Fall of 2006, we were having a time of solitude and silence, and I had written in my journal, I was quieting my heart by writing down things that were on my mind, questions, concerns, etc.

I was fortunate to

connect with the Darfur Peace and Development Organization (DPADO) (www.dpado.org) because my older brother designed their website, and I also went to church with the Schools Coordinator, Karri DeSelm. Their motto is "Promoting peace, justice, and sustainable development."

This was a local group that actually had connections and people working on the ground in Darfur, building schools and things like that. Sadly, in August 2007 they relocated to Washington, D.C. I guess for the better, but I am still sad they are gone.

Karri also moved to Philadelphia, to attend Eastern University for economic development, and then moving to South Africa with her husband to apply her knowledge and help women develop skills.

The winter of 2006, I went to a massive conference in St. Louis called Urbana. It is a Christian conference for people all over the world, and they focus on missions and humanitarian organizations. It was a life-changing conference for me.

I learned a lot, and was able to collect more materials to feed my brain about what the world has to offer. You know what?

The world is not completely cold and heartless; there are many, many people out there who care like I do. There are many, many organizations out there that care like I do. This was very refreshing and I decided Darfur was my calling.

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Mastodons rebound

■ Perkins leads team to Summit League after three losses

The men's basketball team snapped a three-game conference losing streak with a 71-52 win over visiting Centenary last Saturday.

The Mastodons took their first lead of the ballgame on a pair of free-throws from Jakari Johnson with just over four minutes remaining.

Senior Chris Perkins led the way with a season-high 16 points. Five other IPFW players scored in double figures. Johnson had 11-point nights.

Senior Jarun Burrows added 11 rebounds to his 10 points for his fifth double-double of the season, his second in-a-row.

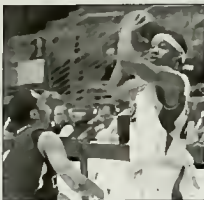


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POINT MAN: Chris Perkins scored a season high 16 points Saturday against Centenary.

Run transformed to honor athlete

Formerly known as the Mastodon Stomp, IPFW will hold its annual Run/Walk on January 27 at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by The Three River Running Company, the event has been renamed the "Run It, Walk It 5K" to benefit the new Chris Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Brown, a Bluffton native and former Mastodon cross country runner, died

of cancer on December 1 of last year.

Cost is \$15 per person, but the event will be accepting donations for the fund. Participants can register up to the day of the event.

If interested, a registration/donation form is available at Gates Sports Center. More information on the event and the scholarship fund will be available in next week's Communicator.

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Mastodon scores for 1/01-1/14

Players of the Week

►Jarun Burrows
Bakhamian senior center picked up two double-doubles with a total of 52 points and 38 rebounds since January 1.

►Johnna Lewis-Carlisle
Senior guard scored 20-plus points in two games since the new year with a high of 22 on against SDSU and Centenary.

Women's Basketball

January 5 - 65-68 loss to South Dakota State
►Johnna Lewis-Carlisle (22 points)
January 7 - 47-87 loss to North Dakota State
January 9 - 58-74 loss to Detroit Mercy
January 12 - 80-68 win over Centenary
►Jordan Zuppe (Five 3-pointers)
January 14 - 62-81 loss to Oral Roberts
►Natalie Roberts (14 points, 11 reb.)

Men's Basketball

January 3 - 67-84 loss to NDSU
January 5 - 60-73 loss to SDSU
January 10 - 56-68 loss to Oral Roberts
January 12 - 71-52 win over Centenary

Men's Tennis

January 13 - 0-7 loss to Western Michigan

Women's Track & Field

January 12 - Placed 6th
►Crystal Martinez (3rd in 5,000m run)
►Crystina Martinez (5th in 5,000m run)

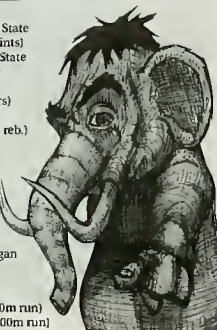


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Buddy Up for Fitness program introduced

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It's a New Year, and according to the Washington Post getting fit is in the 10 most popular goals for the post holiday fat fest. However, 60-70 percent of the people who hit the gym in January have abandoned it by July.

The Gates Sports Center and The Communicator have teamed up to create a resolution of their own: to get people into the gym and make it a habit.

Buddy Up For Fitness is a new program launched by Judy Tillapaugh, R.D., Coordinator of the wellness/fitness programs at GSC which

will pair up those students who are interested in fitness, but need someone for support and commitment.

"The buddy up system is really good because people are more likely to go to a fitness center if they are meeting someone else who is also interested in fitness," said Tillapaugh.

The program will be a "rolling admission" style, so there is no deadline for turning in the buddy up card. The sooner the better, however, because the goal is for each pair to hit the gym three days every week throughout the spring semester.

"The benefits would be enormous, like decreasing, friendships and a stronger body" said Tillapaugh. Studies have

shown that it generally takes at least a month for most habits to form.

"I think some students would be interested, but working out can also be personal. If people are new to working out, it would be better to have someone there with you," said Jesse Craig, sophomore.

Below is a form to be filled out and turned into the Gates Sports Center information desk. Upon turning in the information, you will receive a 'getting started' packet with a multitude of information, and you will be paired up with a partner within days. For more information, contact Judy Tillapaugh at 260-481-6647 or at Tillapaugh@ipfw.edu.

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IPFW falls short in opener, prepare for BYU

By DAN VANCE
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Ohio State finally got a chip off their shoulder and promptly placed it on IPFW's. The Buckeyes avenged a loss in the 2007 MIVA title match with a 3-2 win over the Mastodons last Friday night, 25-30, 30-28, 25-30, 30-21 and 15-6.

Senior All-American C.J. Macias led the Mastodons as usual, this time with 23 kills. It was the best opening match for Macias, kill-wise, in his IPFW career.

"We are certainly disappointed in the loss," said IPFW coach Arnie Ball. "We were in a position to win and we let it get away from us."

Jason Yhost followed Macias with 14 kills and a team high six blocks.

Senior Brock Ullrich was surprisingly quiet with eight kills. He also had eight errors in contributing to IPFW's

rough .192 hitting. The Buckeyes hit .338, led by senior John Albertson who had 15 kills and hit .700 for the match.

The major change for the Mastodons was at the setter position where senior Graydon Ainsworth took over for graduated Academic All-American Colin Lundeen, who helped the Mastodons to the Final Four in each of his two seasons.

"We thought he held his own. He certainly made some decisions that we'd like back but that happens quite often early on," Ball said about Ainsworth, who had 4B assists.

The emergence of the senior Ainsworth also bring about part of the competition for spots with the team this season. Ainsworth will be fighting with sophomore Corey Stewart at setter, freshman Daryl Shank will compete at outside hitter and seniors Steve

Rogers and Josh Stewart as well as freshman Oliver Kook will all battle for a spot in the middle according to Ball.

But the biggest competition this season may be at libero where sophomore Matt Pliske will look to hold onto his spot with the return

"You have to play good teams, it doesn't matter where they come from."

of Mike Morici, who sat out injured last season. Pliske started against the Buckeyes with 17 digs. Morici played in three of the five games.

"It's very healthy," Ball noted of the competition.

The competition and early defeat will give way to a big home opener this Friday when the nation's top-ranked BYU Cougars make their first ever visit to the Gates Center.

"You like to have it happen," Ball said of bringing in west coast teams. "But you have to play good teams, it doesn't matter where they come from."

Ball however is excited about having the bullseye on the team's back as the defending national runner up, saying that the only way it could be bigger is to win the whole thing, but he would take this bullseye every year.

BYU was named atop the first AVCA Poll of the year as the nation's top team but is currently ranked second in their own conference; the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, behind the UC Irvine Anteaters. The Cougars opened their season with 3-1 and 3-0 victories over UC San Diego.

IPFW will be on the road again Saturday as they face Mercyhurst in their second MIVA conference match.



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LOW KEY: Senior Brock Ullrich was quiet in the opener with OSU, putting down just eight kills.



With the Saunders SS Sabres, Shank was a three-time Quad-A Provincial Champion. He was also named Volleyball Most Valuable Player.

Daryl Shank

6-5 Freshman Outside Hitter
London, ON, Canada



His senior season he was selected All-Western New York, to go along with being named MVP of the Clarence Tournament.

Jonathan Meyer

6-2 Freshman Outside Hitter
Hamburg, NY (Eden HS)



Played for both the Norderstedt and Oststeinbekker SV volleyball clubs, advancing from Germany's second division to the first.

Oliver Kook

6-5 Freshman Middle Hitter
Hamburg, Germany



A redshirt last year, he was a three-time member of the Suburban South All-Conference Team at Oakville Senior HS.

Ben Duckworth

6-5 Freshman Outside Hitter
St. Louis, MO (Oakville HS)

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